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SUBJECT TRAGEDY AT POLYTECHNIQUE NASSER, CONAKRY -
REJECTED SUITOR KILLS YOUNG WOMAN STUDENT AND
PROFESSOR

1. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, DURING MID-AFTERNOON, A THIRD-YEAR ENGINEERING STUDENT, UNDER PRETEXT OF WANTING TO KNOW HOW RIFLE OPERATED, SECURED WEAPON FROM GATE GUARD AT UNIVERSITY AND, AFTER THREATENING LIFE OF GUARD, PROCEEDED TO LOOKFOR YOUNG WOMAN STUDENT WHO HAD, SEVERAL YEARS, REJECTED HIS ADVANCES. YOUNG WOMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER MALE STUDENT, SAW SUITOR COMING TOWARDS HER WITH RIFLE AND ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE BY MOUNTING STAIRS TO THIRD FLOOR ACADEMIC BUILDING. SHE AND HER COMPANION WERE PURSUED BY SUITOR. THE YOUNG MAN COMPANION ESCAPED BUT THE YOUNG WOMAN, SEEING A PROFESSOR COMING OUT OF PHYSICS LABORATORY, SCREAMED FOR ASSISTANCE AND ATTEMPTED TO HIDE BEHIND PROFESSOR. THE ASSAILANT APPROACHED AND FIRED POINT BLANK UPON THE TWO. THE PROFESSOR DIED WITHIN MINUTES; THE YOUNG WOMAN AT THE HOSPITAL A FEW HOURS LATER. THE ASSAILANT, OFFERING NO RESISTANCE, WAS ARRESTED. A TRIAL WAS HELD FOLLOWING DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE MURDERER WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH AND IMMEDIATELY EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD IN PRESENCE OF ALL STUDENTS WHO DESIRED ATTEND.

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2. COMMENTS: THE STUDENTS SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN MORE CONCERNED

OVER UNWARRENTED DEATH OF YOUNG, POPULAR GUINEAN PROFESSOR.
AS ASSAILANT HAD THREATENED LIFE OF YOUNG WOMAN ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND HAD ALSO UNDERGONE
PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT LAST YEAR, HIS ACT OF VIOLENCE CAME
AS NO SURPRISE TO HIS FELLOW STUDENTS. AS OF SATURDAY,
LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY SEEMED TO BE CONTINUING AT NORMAL
PACE.
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